

SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
COUNTY OF KERN



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June 17, 2019

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Re: California Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe:

The Kern County Sheriff's Office ("KCSO") is in receipt of your June 6, 2019, request under the California Public Records Act, as follows:

1. The total number of sheriff's deputy use of force incidents broken down by type of force used, between 2013 – 2018 (separated by year).
2. The total number of people that deputies used force against, between 2013-2018 (separated by year).
3. The total number of use of force complaints reported between 2013-2018 (separated by year).
4. The total number of use of force complaints sustained between 2013-2018 (separated by year).
5. The policy manual of the sheriff's department
6. The current union contract between the city and any sheriff's deputy/police officer unions.

At this time, the Kern County Sheriff's Office is unable to fulfill to your request within the 10 day statutory timeframe. Due to the following "unusual circumstance" the Kern County Sheriff's Office will need additional time allowed under California Gov. Code 6253(c):

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(1) The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office will respond to your request by July 1, 2019. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 661-391-7518 or email: [walshm@kernsheriff.org](mailto:walshm@kernsheriff.org)

Sincerely,

**DONNY YOUNGBLOOD,**  
Sheriff – Coroner, County of Kern County

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